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TOPIC Military Information from Rathenow

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1. On 12 April 1952, a motorized column passed through Rathenow (N 53/Z 15). It consisted of 8 caterpillar tractors, each mounting 8 men; 1 x 122-mm gun; and 12 trucks, each truck mounting 16 men with field equipment and towing a mortar. the convoy was en route to Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00). On 13 April, three trucks were loaded with ammunition from the former German naval arsenal. A convoy of trucks loaded with billeting equipment, left the Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse on 14 April. it was going to Altengrabow. On 16 April, infantry ammunition was packed in boxes at the Seelinerheide target range. Three railroad tank cars with gasoline stood on the spur track to the former navy arsenal. the tank cars were destined for Altengrabow. Numerous boxcars and flatcars which had been assembled at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station for the shipment of Soviet troops were guarded by sentries on 16 April.

2. After 15 April, the units from the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne were loaded. Trucks with billeting equipment were seen leaving the installations. After 19 April, no training activity was noticed in the installations and only a guard detail remained. (1)

3. the following Soviet troop trains passed through the station between 15 and 20 April 1952:

Date in April	Number of Cars	Dispatching Station	Receiving Station
15	27 boxcars 25 flatcars	Dallgow-Doberitz	Wolmirstedt
	12 boxcars 25 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow

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16 April	15 boxcars 12 flatcars	Altengrabow	Neuruppin [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	25X1
	12 boxcars 23 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow [REDACTED]		25X1
	9 boxcars 27 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		25X1
	17 boxcars 26 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		
17 April	7 boxcars 20 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		
	22 boxcars 16 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow [REDACTED]		25X1
18 April	25 boxcars 25 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		
	10 boxcars 27 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow		
	10 boxcars 22 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow		25X1
	15 boxcars 29 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		
	5 boxcars 21 flatcars	Satzkorn	Maldensleben	[REDACTED]	
	14 boxcars 19 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow		
19 April	5 boxcars 22 flatcars	Satzkorn	Maldensleben		
	16 boxcars 20 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow		
	6 boxcars 45 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		
	30 boxcars 25 flatcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow		
	37 boxcars 8 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt		
20 April	25 boxcars	Altengrabow	Finow		
	12 boxcars	Altengrabow	Dannenwalde		

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20 April	5 boxcars	Satzkorn	Waldensleben
	21 flatcars		
	37 boxcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow
	21 flatcars		
	15 boxcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Wolmirstedt
	30 flatcars		
	5 boxcars	Satzkorn	Waldensleben
	20 flatcars		
	14 boxcars	Rathenow	Altengrabow
	24 flatcars		

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No other trains passed through Rathenow during the time covered.

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4. Between 7 and 19 April, trucks [redacted] each occupied by 12 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were engaged in driving practice at the Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse. In mid-April, six of the trucks which arrived at the installation at the end of March [redacted]

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These vehicles were daily seen leaving the installation at about 7 a.m. toward an undetermined direction and returning to the installation at about 5 p.m. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The measures taken by the 6th Arty Div and the IV Arty Corps preparatory to their loading between 12 and 16 April 1952, confirm previous information according to which the departure to Altengrabow of units of the division began on 15 April 1952. [redacted] four shipments of the division had gone to Altengrabow between 15 and 18 April 1952.

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[redacted] According to the present report, eight trains had left prior to 20 April 1952. [redacted]

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- (2) Probably the shipment of the 10th Gds Tank Div to Letzling Heath. On the basis of the present report, the movement was effected with 13 trains between 15 and 20 April 1952. According to a report [redacted] divisional units had been loaded in Doeberitz on 18 April 1952. [redacted]

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